

House Resolution No. 449

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, William L. "Louie" Rector has attained distinction as an exemplary citizen who resides in Appleton City, Missouri; and

Whereas, a veteran of the World War II fight for freedom and democracy, Louie Rector served with United States Army forces in the Pacific rim islands of New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan, and earned a Presidential Unit Citation ribbon and Purple Heart medal for his heroic endeavors; and

Whereas, after the end of his honorable military service, Louie Rector returned to Missouri to continue his outstanding civilian activities which had earlier earned him a diploma from Rockville High School; and

Whereas, Louie Rector married his beloved Wanda in 1946 and joyfully embraced a growing family which today includes their children, LaWanna and Gerald Moss, Jean and Tom Stark, Rex and Debbie Rector, and Deborah and Russell Meek; eleven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Louie Rector admirably provided for his family down through the years as a Trans World Airlines mechanic and welder, a vocation from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, in addition to his military and civilian careers, Louie Rector is noted for his accomplishments as a coach for the Gashland Lions Little League Baseball Team for ten years, member of First Baptist Church in Appleton City, and status as a five-time State Horseshoe Pitching Champion who earned Fourth Place in the World Horseshoe Pitching Tournament:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute the lifetime achievements of Mr. William Rector of Appleton City, Missouri, and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes upon his well-deserved recognition as an Outstanding Missourian; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Outstanding Missourian William L. "Louie" Rector.

Offered by _____
Representative Rex Rector
District No. 124
Joined by the Entire House Membership

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 449, adopted February 20, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker